

than a year after it was devastated by the tsunami in late 2004. Having been to both places, I was struck by what the people in Banda Aceh and New Orleans had in common, both because of what they went through and because of the incredible resilience they have shown in the wake of those tragedies. But I was just as struck by how those places differed—especially how, in many ways, New Orleans seemed worse off than Banda Aceh did a year after the disaster.

When I visited Banda Aceh in February 2006—a little over a year after the original tsunami hit—though many of the reconstruction programs had yet to be completed, there was visible progress being made, thanks in large part to the generosity of the American taxpayer. I saw homes, roads, buildings, and bridges being built with funds that the American Government generously gave to the victims of the tsunami.

I strongly support the aid we have given to those in Banda Aceh and others who were the victims of the tsunami in 2004, and no one disputes that we have responsibility to help them rebuild. But we cannot let the disasters of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita be forgotten. We have a special duty to the people of the Gulf Coast who still need us. Almost a year later, after more than 1,500 people were killed and countless lives were disrupted, our fellow Americans do still need us. We still need to stand by them as they rebuild their lives, and I know the people of Wisconsin stand ready to help.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE LIFE OF A GREAT COLORADAN

• Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the life of Edward G. Eid, the head of the Colorado State Soccer Association, CSSA, who died recently while attending the World Cup soccer tournament in Munich, Germany.

Ed Eid passionately believed in the power of soccer to bring people together. He knew that the beautiful game, as we saw in this year's World Cup, can bridge national, linguistic, racial, economic, and cultural gaps.

Ed Eid used soccer to strengthen and bind communities in our State and across the globe. As a coach, he took a team to compete behind the Iron Curtain, recognizing that shared passions for sport could warm a relationship between superpowers. At CSSA he reached out to teams from immigrant communities, helping kids from all walks of life learn the game and participate in leagues.

When Ed Eid immigrated to the U.S. in 1958, soccer had not yet entered the American mainstream. The sport

thrived in immigrant communities, but the U.S. had neither a professional league nor its own soccer icons. After fighting through adversity and discrimination to become a successful entrepreneur, Eid dedicated more and more time to helping the game he loved gain ground. Thanks to his efforts, and the efforts of other visionaries like him, soccer is the most widely played game in America.

Mr. Eid is survived by a wonderful family. He was especially proud of his two grandchildren, Alex and Emily Eid. Earlier this year he saw his daughter-in-law, Allison, appointed by Governor Bill Owens to the Colorado Supreme Court. And he saw his son, Troy, nominated by President Bush to be Colorado's next U.S. Attorney.

The legacy of Ed Eid's life is clear. In the soccer leagues of Colorado, in all the communities he has touched, and in a sport whose popularity is growing by leaps and bounds, he will be sorely missed.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 7:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 655. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

H.R. 2872. An act to require the Secretary the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 125. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 9. An act to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7537. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the military operations of the Armed Forces and the reconstruction activities of the Department of Defense in Iraq and Afghanistan for the period ending April 30, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7538. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Citizenship Documentation Requirements" (RIN0938-AO51) received on July 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7540. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Regulations for the Academic Competitiveness Grant and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant Programs, and Grant and Loan Program Amendments; Interim Rule" received on July 11, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7541. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Idaho" (FRL No. 8191-6) received on July 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7542. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8185-1) received on July 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7543. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; NSR in the Ozone Transport Region" (FRL No. 8196-8) received on July 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7544. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Redesignation of the City of Weirton PM-10 Non-attainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8197-1) received on July 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7545. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled